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1. That there will inevitably be a third world war, because an economic crisis of the capitalistic powers will drive them to a war and because the Communist fostered world revolution will eventually provoke military retaliation, is the view of the Chinese Politburo. The Chinese will side with the USSR in this war. These conclusions were formally adopted by the Politburo when MAO Tse-tung came back from Moscow.
2. Leaders of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) wish to postpone this war as long as possible to be able to achieve reconstruction in China and to proceed with their political offensive in Southeast Asia. The Communists intend to take Taiwan this summer and in this way force the acceptance of their representatives on the committees and assemblies of the United Nations. With the United Nations as a forum the Communists intend to launch a big "peace offensive" in all Asiatic countries. At the same time they will make approaches toward the United States in order to stall off possible hostile action.
3. These Communist leaders believe, though, that the United States will not be forced to start a war as long as the Marshall Plan provides an outlet in Europe for the American economy, thus postponing the expected economic crisis. They also believe that the United States will not continue to provide the Nationalists with arms for fear of war over this issue. Furthermore, the war will be delayed by conflicts between the western nations over differing economic interests. These differing economic interests, the Communist leaders believe, will also keep the western nations from getting together to act decisively to halt Communist aggression in Southeast Asia.
4. These views of the international situation largely dominate the economic planning of the Chinese Communist Government. Areas to the north and west of a line running from South Manchuria along the mountain fringe of the North China plain to the northern boundary of Szechuan are considered militarily safe. Industry is being developed and food and military supplies are being stockpiled behind this boundary.

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5. Lower ranks of the CCP have been indoctrinated with the belief that Communist revolutions in capitalistic countries are inevitable, and that there are grave weaknesses in these countries which will make the revolutions successful. These elements of the Communist society do not believe that a third world war is inevitable, because they have been taught that the western nations are incapable of concentrating their attention and efforts on internal reconstruction sufficiently to wage war. The ranks of the Chinese Communist Army are also of this opinion and are opposed to further military action after the capture of Taiwan and Tibet.
6. The non-Communists in the Chinese Communist Government are uniformly aware that they are under the domination of the Communists. While they comply with the Government requests to organize as political parties on a national basis the great part of their membership is clandestine. They claim some success in penetration of the Chinese Communist Army. General dissatisfaction with the Government has been a great help recently in their recruitment of clandestine members.
7. The non-Communists in the Government fear that their association with the Communists has led the United States to believe that they are irrevocably Communists.

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